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## SIXTH REPORT

# NATIONAL SPRAY MODEL AND APPLICATION TECHNOLOGY STEERING COMMITTEE



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## I. INTRODUCTION

The meeting was held in Phoenix, AZ, July 17 and 18, 1996 in conjunction with the International Summer Meeting of the American Society of Agricultural Engineers (ASAE). The meeting call letter and agenda are in Appendix A. This scheduling provided for economies in travel as several members of the committee presented papers at the ASAE meeting or otherwise attended the ASAE annual meeting on a regular basis.

### A. Attendees

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Terry Biery	USAF Reserve, Aerial Spray	(330) 392-1178
Dave Whiteman	Battelle NW Labs	(509) 372-6147
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Robert Fusco	Abbott Labs	(717) 436-5043
Heping Zhu	USDA/ARS	(330) 263-3868
Andrew Hewitt	SDTF (Stewart Ag)	(816) 762-4240
Bill Bagley	Wilbur-Ellis	(210) 657-0953

## B. Purpose of Committee/Meeting

The purpose of the committee is:

1. To exchange national and international information on spray model and application technology development activities;
2. To facilitate cooperation, partnerships, and economies;
3. To identify model and application technology needs; and
4. To support the advancement of technology for the safe, economic, efficacious application of biorational and other pesticides.

The purpose of the meeting was:

1. To provide an opportunity for participants to informally report on their spray model and pesticide application technology activities in agriculture, forestry, and insect vector control;
2. To identify technology needs and encourage partnerships and cooperative projects; and
3. To obtain participant's comments on future need, opportunities, charter, sponsorship, and leadership of this committee.



## II. DISCUSSION

The discussion as presented herein is a summary of remarks by attendees and/or a summary of their work. Some attendees provided a more detailed summary which is enclosed in the Appendices.

### A. Attendees Remarks and Reports

#### Dave Esterly

Regarding the Spray Drift Task Force (SDTF) AgDrift model -

- . See report in Appendix B.
- . AgDrift, version 2.0, is coming out in June 1977 and will also have an orchard model in it in addition to the aerial and ground. AgDrift is a regulatory model.
- . The AgDrift model will eventually be available to the public less the SDTF database. Reasons for this is legality under FIFRA law. FS, Army, etc., can request the database under the freedom of information act.
- . DROPKICK - is another SDTF model that predicts drop size distribution.
- . 38 companies are members of the SDTF.
- . 180 SDTF field studies done.
- . This committee is important to maintain.

#### Harry Hubbard

- . Works for the FS, Microbial Control Project in Hamden, Ct - registrar for Gypchek for entire country.
- . Presented a slides on production of the gypchek virus.
- . Is a specialist on spray equipment.

#### Dave Whiteman

- . See report in Appendix B.
- . Is preparing a field manual title - Complex Terrain Meteorology - A Manual for the Natural Resource Manager. It will be approximately 150-200 pages and illustrated in color. Sponsors are FS, Department of Energy, US Army, and National Weather Service.

- . Dave Esterly suggested that the manual also be put on CD ROM.
- . Dave Esterly said he had some pictures of low-level inversion that he will give to Dave for the manual.

#### Dave Davies

- . See report in Appendix B.
- . Objective in control operations is both efficacy and environmental protection.

#### Bob Mickle

- . See report in Appendix B.
- . Demonstrated via slide presentation on practical uses of FSCBG for mosquito control.
- . Model enabled him to look at drift rather than just deposition.
- . Models are being used for registration in Canada. AgDISP with FSCBG as front-end driver.

#### Milt Teske

- . See report in Appendix B.

#### Brian Richardson

- . See report in Appendix B.

#### Bill Steinke

- . LI-COR unit. Used in four different orchard canopies ranging from relatively dense trees up to larger less dense trees and then up to trees that are hedged.
- . Take home question - Where do we find the bulk of the foliage in the tree - varies with tree height.
- . Pecan orchard study with Ellis Huddleston - using a standard orchard sprayer looking at what is captured by trees, what gets through the trees, what drifts.



Nicholas Woods

- . See report in Appendix B.
- . The Centre for Pesticide Application & Safety, The University of Queensland, Gatton College.
- . Droplet size analysis, nozzle testing, formulation physical handling, computer modelling.
- . Airblast spraying, aerial spraying.
- . Larvacide for mosquito control, aerial spraying.
- . Pesticide drift - very important in the Riverine environment.
- . Have been doing modeling ULV pesticides with FSCBG.
- . Noted that contributions from the committee would be welcome on alternative canopy models for FSCBG and simple drift prediction algorithms for incorporation with GPS technology.

Bruce Grim

- . See report in Appendix B.
- . USAF (Terry Biery) and Dugway Proving Ground have been cooperating in using the C-130 in decontamination of large areas.
- . Helicopter buckets have not been tested for decontamination.
- . Would like to incorporate GPS into FSCBG, especially looking at drift from aircraft.

Jim Rafferty

- . See report in Appendix B.
- . Model called SCIPUFF (Second Order Closure Integrated Puff Model) which models drift resulting from destruction of a nuclear, chemical, biological or other hazardous storage sites.
- . What is starting condition? It could be anything described by puffs, i.e. line source.
- . This model does gaseous dispersion and will handle particles in the near field.
- . October 1996 the new version is coming out. It runs on Windows and Unix work station. (Model is available to US Gov't. agencies.)

## Bill Jorden

- . See report in Appendix B.
- . Drift Sentry - Low cost, real time field sensor that alerts applicator to spray drift.
- . Portable, battery operated. Alerts to the presence of spray drift by an audible and visible alarm and alerts pilot also. Senses both liquid and solid particles. Threshold of tolerance adjustable. Capable of giving a quantitative amount.
- . Ten systems so far have been deployed and tested.
- . Also developing a low-cost weather station proposal.
  - Low cost - Cost effective
  - Real time and off-line history outputs
  - Cellular access vs LAN
  - Stand alone - solar power
  - Phase I - Experimental stations for performance and cost analysis
  - Phase II - Prototype system fabrication
  - Replaces flagger with onsite remote sensor
- . Target cost per production unit - <\$5,000
- . Smallest particle/drop the laser can see is 50 microns.
- . Condensation is a big problem on the drift sensor - not sure what to say about condensation. Probably need to have them manufactured, sealed and used one time, then cleaned.

## B. Round Table Discussion

### Pat Skyler

- . Asked for articles, photos, graphics for the FSCBG information letter which will be published in September.

### Milt Teske

- . Asked for any suggestions on the FSCBG model, especially when the new version comes out.
- . Suggested that the FSCBG lite version may be a way to get reacquainted with the model after not using it for a period of time.



### Nicholas Woods

- . Suggested alternative canopies be looked at - other than trees/orchards.
- . Integration with GPS.
- . Collecting data in the vertical profile.

### Brian Richardson

- . Cooperative effort with FS in several areas.
- . Under Brian Richardson: add dose-response i.e. "About 12 months ago started developing dose-response databases in connection with SpraySafe Manager".
- . SpraySafe Manager - Decision Support System being incorporated into FSCBG. Primarily by New Zealand for herbicide applications. Developed because there was no way to link biological exposure with effects. Also needed an easier way to use FSCBG. Prototype has been developed. Environmental module also to predict buffer distance.
- . Calculates productivity, will incorporate sensitivity study Milt Teske has done.
- . NZ user group is currently evaluating the prototype.
- . About 12 months ago started developing databases in connection with SpraySafe Manager.
- . Glad to see discrete canopy option going into FSCBG.
- . Will be involved in myco-herbicide development (i.e. the application of pathogens to control exotic weeds) in the next couple of years - will use FSCBG.
- . Stand-alone FSCBG - hopes it will stay as a stand-alone. The other models developed that include FSCBG don't have all the capabilities of FSCBG by itself.

### Parshall Bush

- . Working with individual pulp and paper companies updating their manuals on how they do business on a day-to-day basis. Attempting to justify to companies why they need to do certain things (e.g., aircraft calibration, etc.).
- . Hopes FSCBG will continue to stand alone and continue to have a support system - user group.

### Harold Thistle

- . A Program of Work was put together by Jack Barry and Harold in June. Included were the following items:

Seed orchard sanitation equipment project (e.g., use of vacuum and sweepers to clear orchard duff).

Spray drift mitigation, vegetation barriers to drift, drift in complex terrain.

Supporting pheromone application technology.

DGPS aircraft guidance - technology changing so fast may put on another demo with John Ghent in the East.

Ground sprayers for mosquito control - interest in a ground dispersion version of FSCBG.

Stationary tree sprayers - (high value trees) putting a spray nozzle on selected, high-value trees - Weyerhaeuser looking into putting up 1500 of them in their Washington, NC orchard.

Continue with the modeling activity - role of atmospheric stability as it influences deposition and drift.

Time-of-Day study to be pursued - probably next summer will look at stability vs deposition and drift. There is a study plan on this - it can be sent to anyone who is interested in making comments on it or in cooperating in the study.

Dupont interested in releasing a video showing smoke release.

### Jack Barry

- . Will be seeing more decision support systems that use FSCBG and related models as the base model or engine.
- . Comment regarding stability, drop size, and drift. We need to search literature base - especially that at Dugway, Utah. FSCBG sensitivity has not been evaluated for stability. We need to do this.
- . ULV logistically not feasible in California agriculture due to atomisers cost and resistance to change, but need to look at low volume for agriculture - we still need to come up with operational recommendations and then the applicators can use it if they wish.

### Dave Whiteman

- . VALDRIFT not suitable for rolling hills but more for distinct channels such as valleys.



#### Andrew Hewitt

- . Mentioned completion of SDTF miscellaneous nozzle study which included over 70 different nozzle tips, encompassing all of the dozen or so major agricultural nozzle types (flat fan, deflector, simplex swirl, full cone, rotary cage, etc.). These included various nozzle manufacturers, designs and sizes.
- . The SDTF is developing a droplet size database and model using these nozzles and diverse application and liquid physical property parameters.

#### Dave Valcore

- . Four tank mixes covering the typical range of physical properties were tested in the miscellaneous nozzle study. Dave has invited the FS to contribute its dropsizes database and drift studies where appropriate. (Note the database is in FSCBG and is available to SDTF via Milt Teske.)
- . Malvern type and laser defraction units will overpredict the fines in a static test (no wind).
- . In a wind tunnel where you are accelerating spray slightly with wind speed there is no bias.
- . If you want accurate data with a Malvern (laser defraction), you need some wind behind it for typical agricultural sprays.
- . All SDTF database info is available to Forest Service just need to go through the Freedom of Information act - need to apply through EPA. Questions - contact Dave.

#### Bill Steinke

- . PMS company has stopped supporting their machine.

#### John Ghent

- . GypsES in Northeast - developed in 1993 as a decision support system for aerial application.
- . Also started getting into aircraft navigation - AgNav, Trimble and Satloc.
- . Added spot imagery this month - FSCBG in a very user friendly way is integrated into GypsES.
- . USDA-APHIS has expressed interest in becoming a GypsES partner; we will need to start looking at their needs. GypsES will be demonstrated to them Sept. 17 in Riverside.

- . Demonstrated to Regional Forester staffs - Fire and Aviation, Recreation, and Law Enforcement - GypsES is very portable and that is what they need - using GPS as an example will enable accurate air drops.
- . GypsES will also be demonstrated at SERG workshop in Ottawa this October and at NAAA/ASAE meeting in Reno this December.

#### Milt Teske

- . Continuum Dynamics, Inc., the FSCBG, GypsES and SpraySafe Manager contractor, was recently awarded a Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR), Program Phase I contract from the US Department of Agriculture. This effort will seek to begin design on the concept of a "smart bucket" for fire fighting. Currently, the speed and height of the helicopter control the coverage level of retardant on the ground. Under fire conditions it is often difficult or unsafe to achieve the desired height and speed. With the smart bucket design concept, system controls would adjust the release of the retardant material to account for changes in height and speed, producing better and more accurate coverage. The intention here is to more quickly control the spreading fire, use less retardant material with fewer transits to refill, with less danger to the helicopter pilot, crew and aircraft. If the research is successful, and moves into the prototype design and testing stage, the ability to improve use of aerial buckets in fire management.
- . CDI has worked in the past with the Intermountain Research Station personnel in Missoula (Chuck George and Greg Johnson), cooperating with the US Army and the USDA Forest Service (Davis office) to measuring the influence of large helicopter wakes on lateral fire spread and dispersion of contaminants such as dust and pesticides.
- . More information about smart buckets may be obtained from Andy Kaufman (CDI) at (609) 734-9282.

#### John Ghent

- . Trimble - currently no technical support.
- . We need to sit down with Milt Teske to discuss bringing some of the enhancements of FSCBG 5.0 into GypsES.

#### Jack Barry

- . Discussion has been done regarding connecting FSCBG with environmental fate models - interest has been shown - Milt has talked with paper industry in Oregon regarding this - possible funding is forthcoming.



- . The Forest Service will present posters on GypsES and SpraySafe Manager at the national meeting of the Society of American Foresters in Albuquerque, NM, November 9-13, 1996.
- . July 25th is the due date for abstracts for NAAA/ASAE Reno meeting. NAAA needs to know about GypsES - meeting will be December 9, 1996. This would be a good way to communicate the system and introduce it to them - John Ghent is on the program to discuss GypsES. Jack Barry will present a paper on orchard spraying.

#### Terry Biery

- . Regarding expert system for C130 - FSCBG not incorporated into.
- . Decontamination - need to get adequate decontamination coverage - can't have hot spots, misses.
- . Oil spill dispersion work, barrier treatment, malaria ULV larvacide work.

#### Dave Davies

- . Commented that Drone helicopters are being used in Japan.
- . ASAS-RF system - goes on 172 - giving real-time temperature profiles.
- . Updating to AIMMS system this year - looking to be able to give real-time stability.
- . Trimflight and AGNAV systems on aircraft.

#### Bill Steinke

- . Ken Giles project has been commercially licensed to CAPSTAN - Trade name is SYNCRO system.
- . Flow rate can be changed keeping same droplet size and vise versa.
- . Don't think anything has been tested aeriially in the field yet.
- . SBR funding was received for Phase I.

#### Bruce Grim

- . Feels it is absolutely essential that this committee continue - the exchange of ideas is very important.

#### Dave Valcore

- . Coalition on Drift Minimization - working on educating applicators. Committee meets in Washington, DC. Dave Thomas represents the Forest Service.
- . Task force still needs to get with Forest Service to pull in data bases on drift application. Commitment from task force to do this - need to make this happen - maybe through Andrew Hewitt? Milt Teske? - Maybe a format that would help get us started. (Jack Barry will coordinate with Dave.)

#### Jim Rafferty

- . Strongly supports keeping FSCBG as a stand alone version.

#### Jack Barry

- . FSCBG has evolved into a mature model. Its future will be to support DSS and other versions of the model e.g., AgDrift, SpraySafe Manager, and Spray Advisor.
- . Supports this also - need a strong broad-base user group. Most of the 180 user group members are outside the FS.

#### Dave Esterly

- . SDTF moving into a phase where they didn't expect to be - that is outreach and education.
- . Adm. and tech. committee feels that since they collected all this data that now it needs to be made available to the users and public - moving in that direction - through drift correlation.
- . All field studies are done - atomization work done - now a matter of getting data together and reports written.
- . How to do a drift study - one report that may be of interest to the agency - may help to compare data.
- . AgDrift (AgDISP in disguise) - very helpful in designing their studies.
- . EPA has a web site where you can download models - looking into putting AgDrift on this web site.
- . California version will be available about this time next year - this will be a model that will be on the web site.
- . Need long-term support of the model - funding is a problem.

- . Task force has been working to educate the regulators to look at the application in a more critical mode.
- . Once a model reaches EPA no changes made - it remains static.
- . NAAA has asked SDTF to make a training version of the model - don't know who would pay for.
- . Appreciates the Forest Service generosity in giving SDTF the AgDISP model.

#### Bill Jorden

- . Important to maintain FSCBG - it is the link to all these other models. It is the corporate memory.
- . What about National Science Foundation funding?
- . Applicators reduce drift - regulators don't reduce drift - applicators are told to reduce it but not how.

#### Harry Hubbard

- . This committee is interesting for research PAS - we will continue to update our spray application equipment, work with the gypsy moth virus.
- . Formulations are constantly changing and we constantly need to keep checking them before they go out to the field.

#### Dave Esterly

- . FSCBG is the engine to a lot of other needs.

#### Jack Barry

- . Really appreciate all the interest and fine support of this committee.
- . Indicated this steering committee would continue - whether it will be a major committee for the Forest Service is unknown - Harold Thistle will chair next meeting.
- . Next meeting will be in Minneapolis, August 10-14, 1997.
- . Application technology needs identified by committee include:

Time-of-Day study - meteorology/stability, how it influences deposition and drift, and what are the limits  
Vegetation barrier such as shelter belts to reduce drift (ground and aerial)



Validating the LiCor model to describe canopies  
In the long term - get the models in the cockpit (real-time)  
Application training  
Add to FSCBG and AgDrift drop size database.

- . Invite NAAREF (National Agricultural Aviation Research and Education Foundation) - an arm of NAAA - to next meeting
- . Final version of bibliography will be finalized by end of 1996.
- . Exotic weed control - FHTET-Davis provided funding to Utah State University (involves formulation and aerial application of a fungal agent to control Dyer's woad).
- . CP nozzles - becoming very widely used - Jules Picot and SDTF have independently generated CP nozzle atomization data. These data would provide a valuable addition to the FSCBG database.
- . Will present a paper on orchard spraying at NAAA/ASAE meeting in Reno, December 9, 1996.

### III. RECOMMENDATIONS/TECHNOLOGY NEEDS

#### A. Recommendations

1. Continue pursuing use of FSCBG to support decision support systems such as New Zealand's SpraySafe Manager and GypsES Spray Advisor.
2. Maintain the integrity of FSCBG as a stand alone, genetically pure model.
3. Maintain and support FSCBG user group.

#### B. Technology Needs

1. Test and demonstrate with cooperators FSCBG version Real-Time - a capability to monitor movement of spray cloud in real time while aircraft is in flight and spraying.
2. Connect FSCBG to environmental fate and impact models and do so in partnerships to support this effort.
3. Conduct with cooperators field tests to evaluate tree barriers, e.g. shelter belts, to contain spray drift by scavenging droplets.
4. Continue validation of models and DSS as data become available from cooperators and other sources, especially projects involving

aerial application of biologicals to control exotic defoliators in urban areas.

5. Conduct field trials of Li Cor instrument to characterize canopy structure.
6. Conduct literature search at US Army Library, Dugway, Utah of drift studies to support investigations of stability effects on spray drift.
7. Add the SDTF "drop kick" spray atomization sub-routine to FSCBG.

#### IV. SUMMARY

The Sixth Meeting of the National Spray Model and Application Technology Steering Committee was held at Phoenix, AZ on July 17-18, 1996. Members reported on field testing and projects over the past year and discussed technology development needs concerning application technology and modeling drift, spray behavior, and environmental accountancy. The committee noted the support of management in encouraging and funding projects through technology development and other sources; the progress that has been made in advancing the models over the past year; and absolute need to maintain the integrity of the FSCBG model as a stand alone system. The participation and other support of our colleagues in industries, academia, and other agencies are recognized and appreciated, for without their involvement the utility of this committee would be crippled. It is the chair's continued vision and I hope that of the membership that this committee might serve an increasing role of coordinating application technology research and development nationally and internationally. My personal thanks to each of you in helping to develop, enhance, and transfer this technology. Our next meeting will be held at Minneapolis, MN the week of August 10-14, 1997 during the International Meeting of the American Society of Agricultural Engineers. Please mark your calendar as we are looking forward to your continued support and participation.





## APPENDICES

- A. Meeting Call Letter and Agenda
- B. Member Reports
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Appendix A

Meeting Call Letter and Agenda





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Date: May 30, 1996

Subject: National Spray Model and  
Application Technology Steering  
Committee Meeting

To: Colleagues

Meeting Call Letter

The National Spray Model and Application Technology Steering Committee will meet in Phoenix, AZ during the International Meeting of the American Society of Agricultural Engineers. We have two sessions as listed:

Dates/Times: July 17 (Wednesday) 1700 to 1900 and continuing  
July 18 (Thursday) 0800 to 1200

Place: Phoenix Civic Plaza  
Flagstaff Four, North Building

The purpose of the meeting is to:

Provide an opportunity for participants to informally report on their spray model and pesticide application technology activities in agriculture, forestry, and insect vector control;

Identify technology needs and encourage partnerships and cooperative projects; and

Obtain participant's comments on future need, opportunities, charter, sponsorship, and leadership of this committee.

In the conduct of prior meetings we have used the "round robin" method of providing each participant time (about 10 minutes) to summarize his/her activities. Handouts are suggested as an efficient way to share additional information and as a resource for me in reporting the meeting. Projectors (overhead and 35mm) will be available during the Wednesday session only.

The purpose of the steering committee is:

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2. To support the advancement of technology for the safe, economic, efficacious application of biorational and other pesticides;
3. To identify model and application technology needs; and
4. To facilitate cooperation, partnerships, and economies.

Since the committee's initial meeting at Atlanta, GA in 1990 participants have expressed their support of this forum and the opportunity to informally share information and coordinate activities with their colleagues. In recent years we have been fortunate to have participants from academia, industry and governments, including representation from Canada, New Zealand, and Australia. Our last meeting was in Kansas City, MO, June 22, 1994, with notes reported in the committee's fifth report (FPM 94-15). If you would like a copy of this report please give me a call. Enclosed is a draft agenda for your review and comment.

/s/John W. Barry  
JOHN W. BARRY  
Chair

Encl. Agenda

cc: Susan Buntjer, ASAE



draft  
May 30, 1996

## Agenda

National Spray Model and Application Technology Steering Committee

Phoenix, AZ

17-18 July 1996

### Introduction

Purpose of meeting

Introductions

Protocols

Notes and report

Summary of the 1994 committee meeting

### Discussions

Individual informal reports

Spray Drift Task Force

Coalition on Drift Minimization

Future of the Committee

Recommendations & Resolutions

### Conclusions

Restate meeting purpose

Summary of meeting

Follow up actions



## Appendix B

### Member Reports

Bill Jordan

Jim Rafferty

Bob Mickle

Bruce Grim

Milt Teske

Dave Davies

Jack Barry

Nick Woods

Dave Whiteman

Dave Esterly

Brian Richardson





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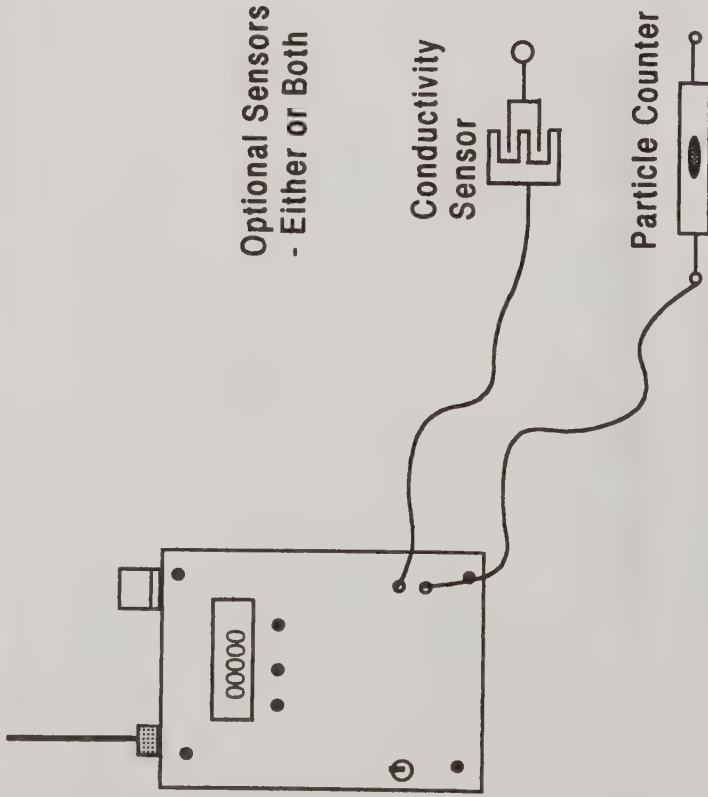
## Drift Control Related Activities at B. W. Jorden & Co., Inc.

- Drift Sentry
- Rotary Sensors
- Low Cost Weather Station

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# BASIC SENTRY

BWJ Inc.



## Conductivity Sensor

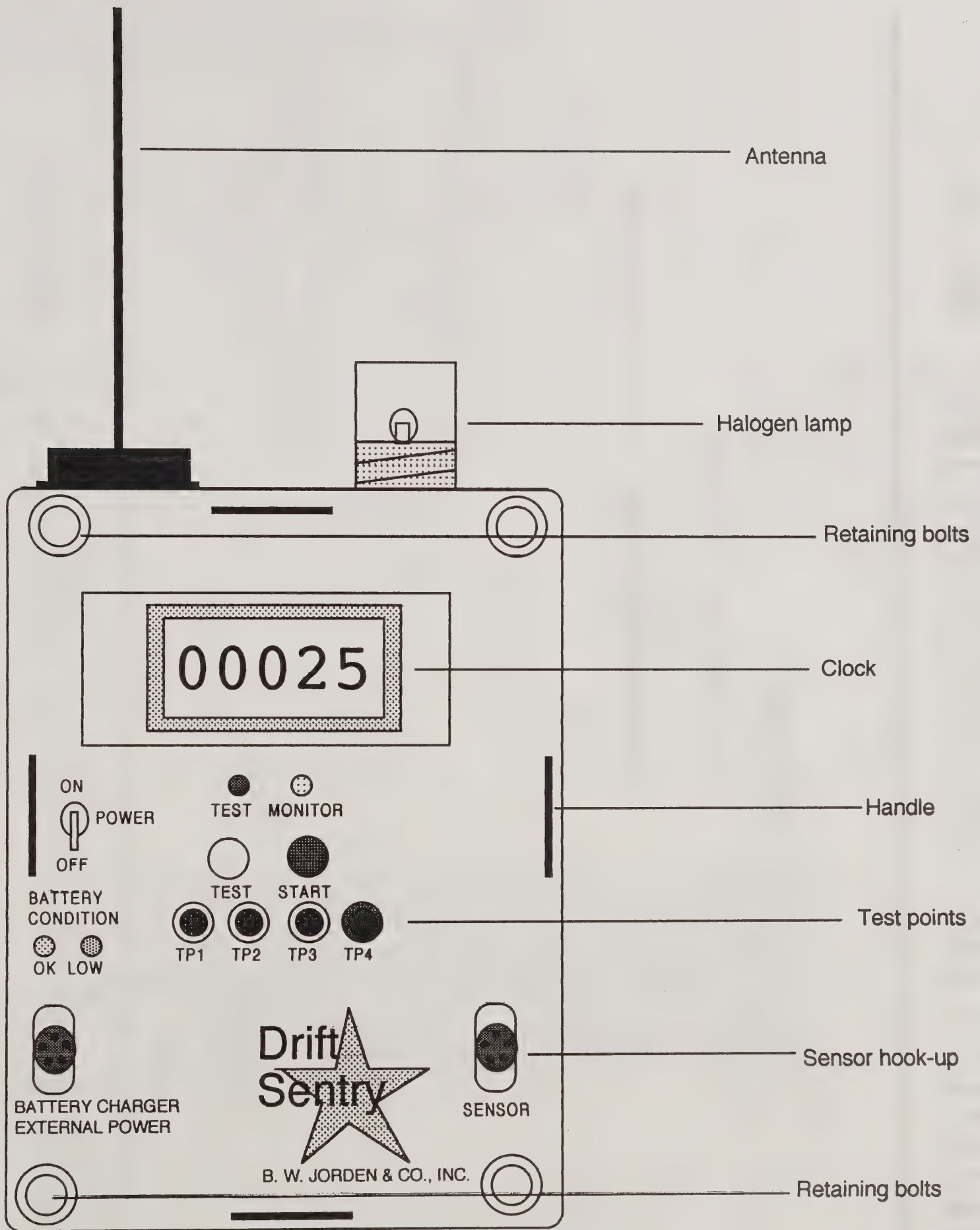
- Senses liquid particles only (conductive).
- Threshold of tolerance adjustable.
- Inexpensive -- sensor can be disposed of with HAZMAT or cleaned and reused.

## Basic Drift Sensor

- Alerts applicators to Spray drift.
- Gives an audio and visual alarm, plus radios the pilot on his VHF radio.

## Particle Counter

- Senses both liquid and solid particulates.
- Threshold of tolerance adjustable.
- Capable of giving a quantitative amount.

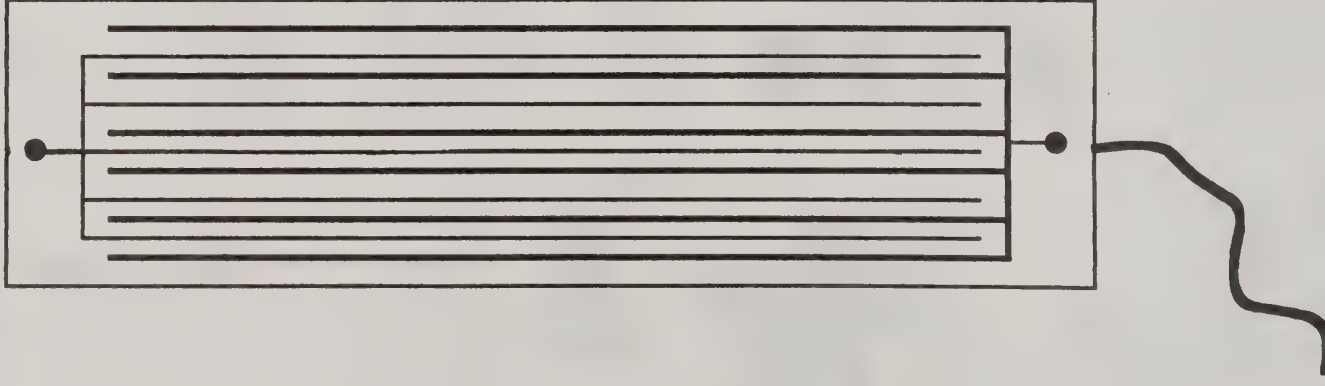




# CONDUCTIVITY SENSOR

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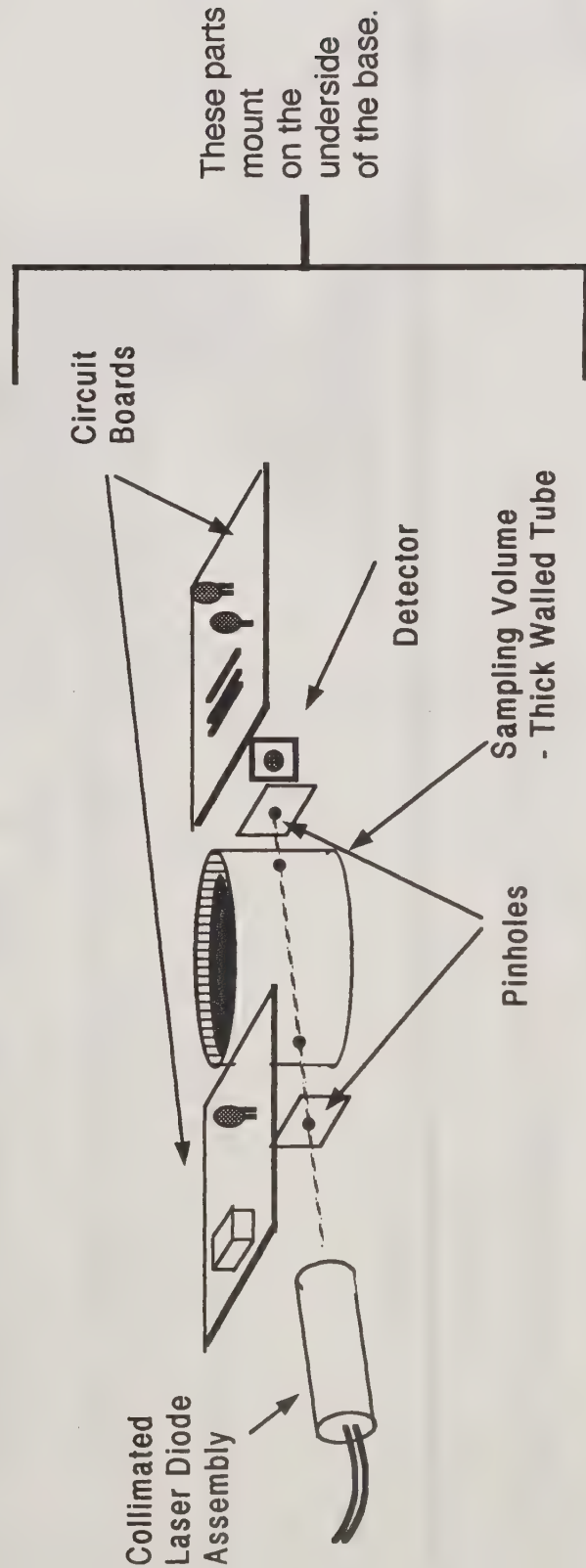
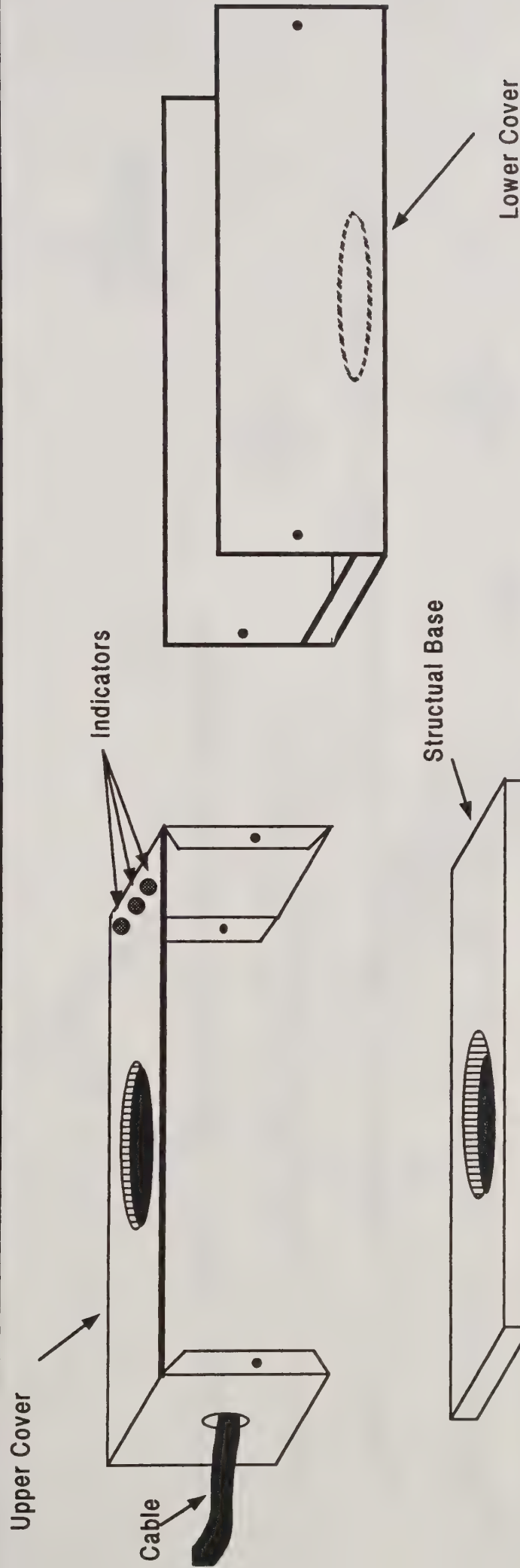


## OPTIONS:

- Printed Circuit Board 10 Mil X 10 Mil
- Etched Copper-Nickel on Kapton 1 Mil X 1 Mil (500 ft. Total)

# LOW COST PARTICLE COUNTER

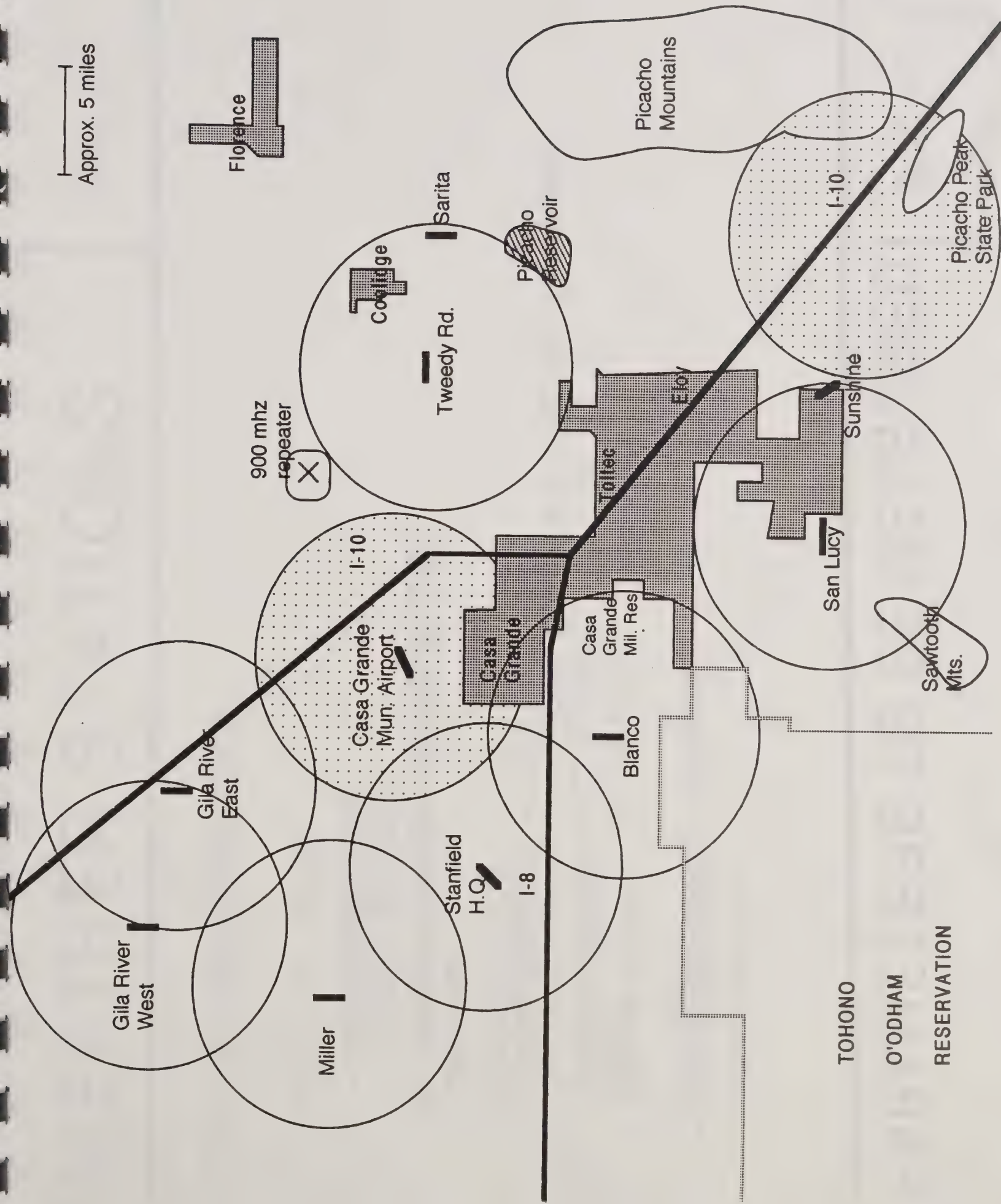
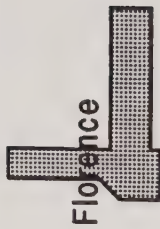
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- Low Cost -- Cost Effective
- Real Time and Off Line History Outputs
- Cellular Access vs. LAN
- Stand-Alone -- Solar Power
- Phase I -- Experimental Stations for Performance and Cost Analysis
- Phase II -- Prototype System Fabrication
- Replaces Flagger with On-site Remote Sensors



Approx. 5 miles





# PARAMETERS TO BE MEASURED

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- Issue: On-line vs. Historical
  - Highest Priority
    - Wind Velocity
    - Wind Direction
  - Additional
    - Temperature and Vertical Gradient
    - Relative Humidity
    - Rainfall/Moisture
- Compute a "Stability" Parameter

# WEATHER STATIONS

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## COST CONSIDERATIONS

- Target Cost < \$5,000
- System \$50,000
- Ten Year Amortization -- \$5,000 per year
- Cost Avoidance
  - Typical Lawsuit \$10,000
  - Aborted Mission \$500
  - Repeated Application \$5,000+
  - Fines \$50 - \$10,000
- Other Factors
  - Pilot Decertification
  - Public Relations



Jim Rafferty  
US Army Dugway Proving Ground





## LARGE AREA DECONTAMINATION (LAD)

**OBJECTIVE:** To utilize existing C-130 Aerial Spray System capabilities and Helicopter Bucket Drop techniques for Large Area Decontamination of Chemical/Biological hazards for military operations and civilian disaster control.

**INTRODUCTION:** Military staging areas, seaports, airfields, battlefields, access routes, etc. are all vulnerable to chemical contamination by enemy missile attacks. An effective means of partial or total decontamination could prove vital for continued effective operations in these areas where decontamination by ground methods (truck delivery) is in many cases severely limited by access to water and on the spot decontaminant supplies. The civilian sector has for many years been effectively using aerial spray techniques to handle large area outbreaks of detrimental insect pests, as well as, controlling forest fires using spray and bucket drop techniques; in addition, large oil spills are now being controlled with aerial spray techniques. Technology transfer between the US Department of Agriculture, US Air Force, and US Army over the past 25 years has developed sophisticated computer modeling to aid in aerial spray applications. The 910 AG/Aerial Spray Group, Youngstown, OH under the guidance of Dr. Tiery Biery has many years of experience spraying insecticides and herbicides using 2000 gal capacity spray systems mounted in C-130 aircraft. This spray system is capable of generating very fine ultra low volume sprays for insecticide applications, but is also capable of generating large droplets and heavy uniform coverage over many acres.

Using the Forest Service-Cramer-Barry-Grim (FSCBG) computer model, swath widths and flow rates can be tailored for almost any application. Dr. Biery's group is now investigating use of geosynchronous positional satellite systems to guide the aircraft within 1 or 2 meters of the intended ideal flight path, this will insure very uniform decontaminant coverage over a large area. A small scale feasibility test run on 2 Oct 94 has shown great promise for using this C-130 system to cover large areas with very little 'untouched' area (see sample card).

In addition to the C-130 system, US Army Dugway Proving Ground has been working on a joint effort with the USDA Forest Service to model wake effects from heavy helicopters carrying 3000 gal fire retardant buckets. These buckets could have major impact on hazard scenarios involving heavy spills of toxic chemicals or Chem/Bio agents. The drop pattern for these buckets has been well documented by the Forest Service and they would be very useful for decontaminating heavy concentrations in smaller areas (tens of meters X hundreds of meters).

### LONG TERM PROGRAM GOALS:

- \* Demonstrate that the operational C-130 spray system is capable of decontaminating large areas with very high fractional coverage
- \* Develop and test the capability of using fire retardant bucket drops from large helicopters on several operational scenarios involving heavy toxic spills
- \* Develop operational guidelines for carrying out large area decon operations
- \* Develop proper decontaminant recipes to optimize air decon operations (dye added for visual confirmation of coverage)
- \* Integrate GPS techniques into decon spray delivery for pinpoint accuracy
- \* Develop aircrew guidelines for safe flight operations in a toxic environment (this is a fallout of Cargo Aircraft Decontamination Studies presently being done for AMC)

# HASCAL HORIZONS

Hazard Assessment and Consequence Analysis



## HASCAL 1.0a Released

**H**ASCAL 1.0a was released in February of 1996. It represents the first operational release of an integrated Biological Facility (BFAC) source term capability associated with the DNA Counter Proliferation ACTD. It also includes the stand-alone Nuclear Facility (NFAC) source and effects version of HASCAL, similar to HASCAL 0.6. HASCAL 1.0a represents a significant departure from HASCAL 0.6 in terms of appearance and capability and is an indicator of what lies in the future for HASCAL. The integrated BFAC source term model is the first example of a tighter coupling between source term generation models and SCIPUFF. In a future release, BFAC will be joined by an integrated NFAC model as well as Chemical Facility (CFAC), Nuclear Weapon (NWPN), and Chem/Bio Weapon (CBWPN) integrated source term models. HASCAL now presents a more consistent user interface across all source models and more easily allows users to specify multiple source terms (from more than one model) in a single calculation.

## HPAC 1.0 Released

**I**n May we released the HPAC 1.0 CDROM. This CDROM packages HASCAL 1.0a together with a new sample project, a complete set of SCIPUFF-readable high-resolution maps, and some support software for converting AFGWC's AFDIS weather data into a SCIPUFF-readable format. Although HASCAL cannot be run directly from the CDROM, it is possible to use the high-resolution maps from the CDROM instead of installing them on your hard drive. The CDROM also includes an image of each of the floppy disks used in installing HASCAL from floppy disks.

## HPAC 2.0

**I**n October 96, HPAC 2.0 is scheduled for release which will contain more user friendly source models for nuclear, biological, and chemical facilities and nuclear, biological, and chemical weapons. A broader database of historical weather will also be accessible for any case. Observational and prognostic weather model data input will be presented in a much more user friendly format. HPAC 2.0 will be released with the executable code, its associated user's guide, technical documentation and validation document.



## HPAC Transport Modeling

The Second-order Closure, Integrated PUFF model (SCIPUFF) is the transport code used in HPAC. There are two basic aspects to the SCIPUFF model. First, the numerical technique employed to solve the dispersion model equations is the Gaussian puff method in which a collection of three-dimensional puffs of arbitrary orientation is used to represent an arbitrary time-dependent concentration field. Second, the turbulent diffusion parameterization used in SCIPUFF is based on the second-order turbulence closure theories of Donaldson (1973) and Lewellen (1977), providing a direct connection between measurable velocity statistics and the predicted dispersion rates.

The Lagrangian puff methodology affords a number of advantages for atmospheric dispersion applications from localized sources. The Lagrangian Scheme avoids the artificial diffusion problems inherent in any Eulerian advection scheme, and allows an accurate treatment of the wide range of length scales as a plume or cloud grows from a small source size and spreads onto larger atmospheric scales. This range may extend from a few meters up to continental or global scales of thousands of kilometers. In addition, the puff method provides a very robust prediction under coarse resolution conditions, giving a flexible model for rapid assessment when detailed results are not required. The model is highly efficient for multiscale dispersion problems, since puffs can be merged as they grow and resolution is therefore adapted to each stage of the diffusion process.

The generality of the turbulence closure relations provides a dispersion representation for arbitrary conditions. Empirical models based on specific

dispersion data are limited in their range of application, but the fundamental relationship between the turbulent diffusion and the velocity fluctuation statistics is applicable for a much wider range. Our understanding of the daytime planetary boundary layer velocity fluctuations provides reliable input for the second-order closure description of dispersion for these conditions. For larger scales and upper atmosphere stable conditions, the turbulence description is based on climatological information, but the closure framework is in place to accept improvement as our understanding of these regimes improves. The closure model has been applied on local scales up to 50km range (Sykes et al., 1988) and also on continental scales up to 3000km range (Sykes et al., 1993).

The second-order closure model also provides the probabilistic feature of SCIPUFF through the prediction of the concentration fluctuation variance. In addition to giving a mean value for the concentration field, SCIPUFF provides a quantitative value for the random variation in the concentration value due to the stochastic nature of the turbulent diffusion process. This uncertainty estimate is used to provide a probabilistic description of the dispersion result, and gives a quantitative characterization of the reliability of the prediction. For many dispersion calculations, the prediction is inherently uncertain due to a lack of detailed knowledge of the wind field and a probabilistic description is the only meaningful approach.

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# **SCIPUFF SECOND-ORDER CLOSURE INTEGRATED PUFF MODEL**

## **Some Features Of Interest To Spray Modelers:**

- **Performs well in short range and long range (drift) applications.**
- **Could represent dispersion in complex flow environments such as complex terrain and within plant canopies.**
- **Uses multiple meteorological observations that describe the vertical and horizontal structure of the atmosphere through time.**
- **Produces mean and probabilistic dispersion results.**

Bob Mickle  
Environment Canada



Hi Jack:

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For FSCBG Newsletter:

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FSCBG Used to Optimize Space Spraying for Mosquito Control

At the American Mosquito Control Association Meeting in Norfolk, Virginia, a symposium entitled "Direct Control of Adult Mosquitoes/ State-of-the-Art Technologies" was held. A paper presented by R. Mickle, Environment Canada on the "Practical Uses of FSCBG" utilized the AGDISP component (near wake code) to predict the droplet distribution in the drift cloud at various distances downwind of the flight line. Typical drop size distributions employed in mosquito space spraying using Malathion were investigated for a range of meteorological conditions. Deposit densities for drops greater than 200 microns were investigated for potential surface damage. Drift distributions and mosquito collection efficiencies were combined to develop toxic dose profiles out to 1 mile for varying spray strategies. In particular, it was shown that enhanced contact probability in the near field could be obtained by multiple passes on the upwind spray line.

For Notes from Phoenix Meeting:

Work in 95/96

The model was used to optimize spray strategies for adult mosquito control. Results were presented at the American Mosquito Control Association Meeting in Norfolk, Virginia. Data were presented as probability contours for a toxic dose in the drift cloud for varying spray strategies.

2. An operational spray in complex terrain was evaluated to compare the accuracy of GIS digital maps/ DGPS guidance with an onboard radar altimeter to estimate whether the GIS/DGPS system could be used to extract aircraft height from the flight log as input for spray fate modelling using FSCBG. Generally, the two heights compared within 5m over complex terrain with height variations greater than 200m. Coupled with flow and onboard met sampling, these data could be used to predict the spray fate from operational sprays.

Future Direction:

1. Use of FSCBG for Spray Planning:

Extensive model/ measurement comparisons has shown the capability of FSCBG to accurately predict the fate of pesticides from aerial spraying. In Canada, FSCBG (AGDISP) continues to be used to develop buffer zones as mitigative measures for environmentally sensitive areas. Work is continuing to incorporate FSCBG deposit predictions as input to Expert Systems (SpraySafe Manager, GYPSeS) which employ dose-response relations to optimize spray strategies.

1. It would be useful if these systems could employ a loop-back mechanism to optimize the spray (say on-target deposit) for varying spray strategies given a set of constraints for spray conditions. In particular, several spray strategies employ small droplet spraying where flight line offset on downwind side of a block is important to ensuring coverage on the upwind

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side of the block. Often, multiple spraying of the upwind side is required in order to obtain adequate coverage for pest control. With this multiple spraying, track spacing will not remain uniform across the remainder of the block. It would be useful for the model to be able to optimize the spray scenario for say uniform deposit at a level which minimizes pesticide use and yet ensures adequate deposit for pest control. The algorithm should be relatively simple and quick as it requires only a process of overlaying the result from a single spray run in the optimization process. It may also be found that downwind spray lines could be eliminated (or sprayed at reduced rates) due to the build up from the upwind sprays. If so this could have beneficial effects on reducing the input of pesticides into environmentally sensitive areas. There should also be some presentation of the effects of varying spray windows on the end result ( ie range of tolerances of met or aircraft height).

2. Effort should be put into incorporating these strategies into drift cloud management as well. Expert systems useful for mosquito control is a case in point where collection efficiencies coupled to drop size/densities within in a cloud are important in optimizing spray strategies. Effort should be made to produce contour diagrams of say toxic dose for varying heights as a function of distance from the first upwind spray line ( similar to deposit contours).

#### Post Spray Analysis:

Reality indicates that spray programs don't have parallel spray lines, uniform flows and aircraft heights. Post spray modelling requires the ability to incorporate these variations into an accurate prediction of the pesticide fate. Areas requiring respray could be based upon dose-response coupled with the predicted deposit based upon the actual spray.

1. Model should be capable of handling input from an actual spray program (non-parallel lines, non-uniform flows and aircraft height, varying meteorology) to predict spray fate. At the very least, the model should take the input data and based upon known sensitivity effects combine the data to show the range of deposits that may have occurred during the spray program. These data could then be looped back through an Expert System to develop an appropriate strategy for respraying. It is important that this process is automatic with little input from the user. If this model is to achieve popularity with the spray industry, it requires automation and results that can be presented quickly and are relevant for decision-making.

#### Use of FSCBG in Real Time:

Given the capability of FSCBG to predict spray fate, effort should be made to expand FSCBG/RT to be used as the basis for an expert/feed back system in aerial guidance systems. FSCBG/RT should be validated for deposit in the far-field to see if it is an appropriate model. Perhaps a look-up table based upon characterization runs for the given aircraft/ nozzle arrangement would be more accurate and would be relevant to the near as well as the far field. From model runs, it is apparent that simple track spacing is not necessarily the optimum method for aerial spraying. It is important to marry the predictive capabilities of models with the guidance capabilities of DGPS.

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**C-130 2000 GAL MODULAR AERIAL SPRAY  
SYSTEM (MASS) BEING USED FOR LARGE AREA  
DECONTAMINATION (LAD) DEMONSTRATION AT  
THE UTAH TEST AND TRAINING RANGE IN  
OCT 1995**

**THIS SYSTEM HAS BEEN DEMONSTRATED TO HAVE THE  
POTENTIAL TO APPLY DECONTAMINANT WITH GREAT  
PRECISION AND UNIFORMITY OVER LARGE AREAS SUCH AS:**

- \* ROADWAYS AND AREAS CONTAMINATED FOR  
TERRAIN DENIAL**
- \* RUNWAYS AND TAXIWAYS**
- \* INTERCEPTED THEATER MISSILE IMPACT AREAS**
- \* SEAPORTS AND STAGING AREAS**
- \* CIVILIAN OR MILITARY TOXIC SPILLS**

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Steering Committee

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17-18 July 1996





# Status of the Models

## FSCBG

5.0 to be released Fall 1996

### New Features:

- Discrete canopy option
- Extensive additional graphics
- Dose-response database
- Decision support module (SpraySafe Manager)
- Sensitivity module
- Canopy library

## AGDISP

6.1 Maturity

User Group Count: 47 AGDISP and 176 FSCBG

### Three training sessions:

Toronto, Ontario	28 February - 1 March 1995
Edmonton, Alberta	9-10 March 1995
Quebec City, Quebec	19 April 1995 (in French)

# FSCBG User Group

176 members

Newsletter #6 - September 1995

Breakdown by country:

Australia	4
Canada	80
Chile	1
England	2
New Zealand	16
USA	73
USDA FS	19 (11%)

## Validation Reports

1990 C-130 Spray Trials		FPM 93-10
1988 Davis Spray Characterization Trials		FPM 93-12
1991 Davis Virus Spray Trials		FPM 94-2
1972 C-47 Spray Deposition Study	1:	FPM 94-11
	2:	FPM 95-8
	3:	FPM 95-16
1974 Rennic Creek Spray Trials		FPM 94-12
1992 Utah Gypsy Moth Eradication		FPM 94-13
1994 Helicopter Rotor Wash Effects (Fire)		FPM 95-7
1991-1993 Utah Drift Studies		FPM 95-18
1985, 1994 Hennigan Almond Orchards	1:	FPM 96-3
	2:	FHTET 96-03
	3:	FHTET 96-04
1980 Withlacoochee Seed Orchard		FHTET 96-05
1992 Charter Orchard Peach Twig Borer		FHTET 96-11



# New FSCBG Features

FSCBG/RT real time subroutines

FSCBG/D demonstration system

One-on-one training notes

Implementation into SpraySafe Manager (preliminary)

Extended sensitivity study for decision support

## Other Topics

Spray Drift Task Force - AgDRIFT and DROPKICK

U. S. Air Force Fuel Jettisoning - FJSIM

FSCBG/GypsES implementation as Spray Advisor

Complete decision support work (SpraySafe Manager)

Add cost-benefit module

Gaussian model sensitivity

Additional datasets for model validation

Windows user interface - will FSCBG remain stand-alone?

User support and maintenance

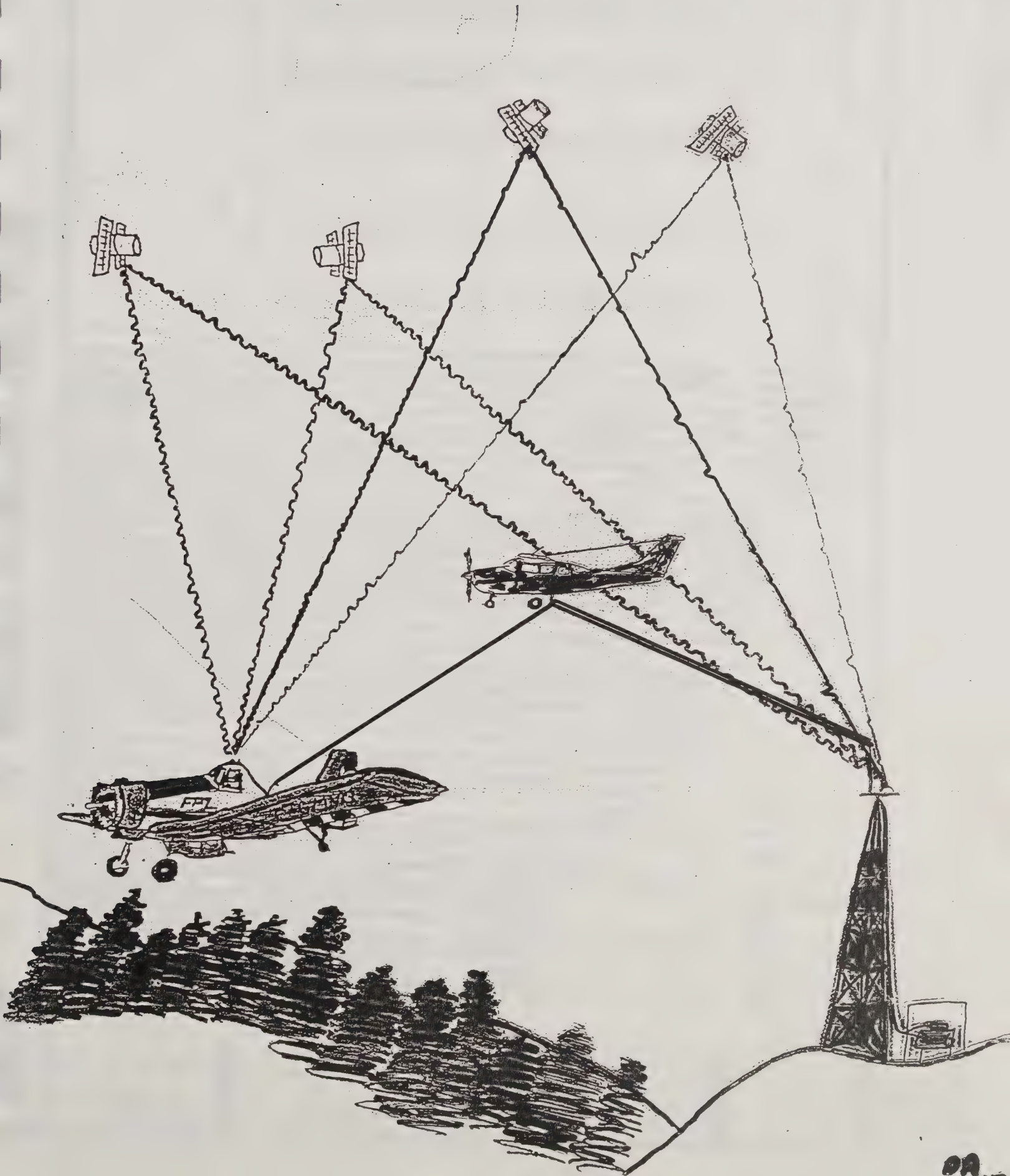


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Block #11

FOREST PROTECTION LTD

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TRIMFLIGHT Report - Trimble Navigation NZ 1992

Report for 1993 Spray Program

Block013 Blk #4 A 120

Line Spacing 120 m

Line direction 178 °

Block area 2053.583 Ha

Flow Calibration 1386 pulses/litre

Autolog when PRESSURE is greater than 100,000.

20/06/1993

line	Start Time hh:mm:ss	Along line atlog on (m)	Along line atlog off (m)	Distance (m)	Duration (sec)	Average Gnd Spd (kts)	Average Altitude (m)	Maximum Altitude (m)	Average PRESSURE	Average Flow (l/min)	Average Appln rate (l/ha)	Total Volume (l)	Average AIR-SPEED	Average REL-HUMID	Average TEMP	Average Atom_RPM
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SESSION SUMMARY

TOTAL DISTANCE	169.734 km
AVERAGE GND SPEED	101.1 kts
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AVERAGE ALTITUDE	31.96 m
AVERAGE PRESSURE	212.787
AVERAGE FLOW	18.564 l/min
APPLICATION RATE	0.496 l/ha
TOTAL VOLUME	1009.260 l
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AVERAGE REL-HUMID	0.941
AVERAGE TEMP	14.455
AVERAGE Atom_RPM	13830.739
TOTAL TIME	00:54:22 sec
AREA COMPLETED	2036.814 Ha
% AREA COMPLETED	99.2 %

**OPTIMIZE TARGET DEPOSIT/**  
**MINIMIZE OFF TARGET DEPOSIT**

**Meteorological Conditions**  
**(Stability, Wind Speed/Direction, Temperature)**



**Real-Time?**

**Spray Deposit Model**




**Real-Time?**

**GPS Aircraft Tracking System**  
**(Real-Time Adjustments)**

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Harold Thistle  
Bob Mickle

Thanks for taking the time to review the 1982 Weeks, et al report titled Recommended development plan for an aerial spray planning and analysis system and providing comments. As you recall, I asked you to rate progress on each of the FSCBG development recommendations following the procedure followed by Brian. Results are enclosed. I will ask Milt to share his comments at Phoenix now that he has heard from representative users.

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Director,  
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Enclosure

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*John weeks w/enc.*





## 1996 Status of FSCBG and Related DSS Enhancements - Opinions of Four Reviewers

1. Spray Modeling Need	2. Progress to date (1996) (0 = no progress, 10 = completed)					Remarks
	Brian R.	Harold T.	Bob M.	Jack B.		
Deposition calculation for all heights simultaneously.	10	3	0	3		Need better graphics: specific to individual types of leaves; need crop canopies. (JB)
Simplified input of droplet spectra.	5	9	10	9		The Droplet Database is big improvement but model to generate distributions from physical characteristics would be ideal. (BR) What about SDTF's atomization model? (JB)
Simplified input of stand description data.	7	7	10	5		LiCor capability is good simplification but validation required. (BR) Data base from eastern forests being added this year. (JB)
Summary display programs.	8	7	7	7		FSCBG has greatly improved graphics. Windows interface would be better. DSS systems incorporating FSCBG will help. (BR)
Interactive program control.	8	9	8	7		Comment as above. (BR)
Effective wind speed correction.	?	5	5?	5		I don't use this module. (BM)
Improvements in the impaction model.	?	5	7	4		Need more visibility of this capability. (JB)
Test evaporation routine using existing data.	7	8	8	7		While a lot of this important work is completed by SDTF, it is inaccessible to other groups. (BR) Need better documentation. (JB)
Alter the program to allow model runs w/any flight pattern.	9	6	5	2		Model capability not clear but sure need GIS & real-time capability. (JB)
Alter the simulation to allow forest edge effects beyond the canopy.	0	2	0	0		There is particular interest in effects of shelterbelts on spray drift attenuation. (BR)
Deposition accounting by tree type.	7	5	5	2		Three canopy storeys seems adequate. (BR) I don't really use this. (BM) Need to incorporate various orchard types. (JB)
Slope correction for canopy penetration.	0	5	0	2		Need for dispersion if VALDrift does not work as intended. (JB)

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2. B.R. = Brian Richardson. H.T. = Harold Thistle, B.M. = Bob Mickle, J.B. = Jack Barry



Spray Modeling Need	Progress to date (1996) (0 = no progress, 10 = completed)				Remarks
	Brian R.	Harold T.	Bob M.	Jack B.	
Improved fitting of impaction coefficient and probability of penetration.	?	5	?	4	LiCor LAI 2000 (if validated) gets around problem of defining probability of penetration. (BR) Relates to above questions. (JB)
Near site drift measure of hazard.	0	5	9	4	New DSS developments incorporating FSCBG will assist here. (BR) Can do but not easily. (JB)
Herbicide measure of effectiveness.	0	4	9	2	See above comment. (BR)
Simple insecticide measure of effectiveness.	0	4	5	2	See above comment. (BR) GYPSES DSS is working on this. (JB)
Sensitivity analysis.	7-10	9	10	9	Thorough analyses completed, incorporate results into DSS. (BR) Awaiting report from Milt Teske. (JB)
Aerial spray mission cost computation.	0?	9	10	8	Not incorporated into FSCBG but various models (e.g. CASPR) available. Costings to be incorporated into various DSS software. (BR)
					Different prog. - incorporate in FSCBG? (BM)
Interim documentation.	10	9	10	9	
Research data on modes of toxicity.	0	6	0	0	Excellent models available in Europe. Consider integration with current DSS software under development? (BR) This is an important area for future work. (JB)
Droplet spectra data.	5	8	5	9	Always need more data. SDTF has excellent but inaccessible database. Model to predict droplet size distribution required. (BR) Should include new Malvern data. (BM) Is anyone else going to share data? (JB)
Additional foliage distribution descriptions.	5	8	8	5	Relatively simple task if LiCor LAI 2000 module is validated. (BR)
Improved wake model.	8	9	10	9	Importance of asymmetry of wake due to rotor/prop. rotation? (BR)
Simplified $\sigma_A$ and $\sigma_E$ input.	7?	6	9	6	



Spray Modeling Need	Progress to date (1996) (0 = no progress, 10 = completed)				Remarks
	Brian R.	Harold T.	Bob M.	Jack B.	
Simplified wind profile generation.	7?	6	6	6	
Persistence and photodegradation model	0	2	0	0	Excellent models available in Europe. Consider integration with current DSS software under development? (BR) Need to incorporate this in future update. (JB)
Dosage prediction within the canopy.	7?	4	?	0	Dosage not needed by FS - only total dose of AI. (JB)
Routine to adjust model predictions based on field managements.	0	2	0	0	
Empirical impactation model.	0	5	5	5	
Mesoscale model interface.	5-7	3	3	0	Presumably VALDRIFT has gone some way to meeting this need. (BR) Harold will present paper at 1996 ASAE meeting. (JB)
Improved insecticide effectiveness module.	0?	2	0	0	GYPSES/ASPEX? (BR) Just beginning this important work. (JB)
Model validation.	8	8	8	8	Important to validate new developments. (BR) Need sponsors for future work. (JB)
User documentation.	8	8	9	9	Important to upgrade with new developments. (BR)
Maintenance documentation.	8	2	8?	2	See above comment. (BR)
Empirical evaporation descriptions for major formulations.	3-5	8	6	8	Large database may be available eventually from SDTF? (BR) I believe that pure water evaporation is accurate enough. (BM) Not sure for some of our Bt formulations. (JB)
Spray adjuvant effects.	3-5	3	9	0	See above comment. (BR) Incorporate into conversion spectrum. (BM) Looking at adjuvants is an endless journey - not practical for modeling. (JB)
Synopsis versions for portable calculators.	0	8	8	?	Not relevant anymore with PCs. (BR)
Synopsis documentation.	0	8	0?	?	Not relevant. (BR)
Parameterization of the Monte Carlo simulation.	0	5	0		Model runs fast enough as is. (BM)

Spray Modeling Need	Progress to date (1996) (0 = no progress, 10 = completed)				Remarks
	Brian R.	Harold T.	Bob M.	Jack B.	
Adaption of crop canopy deposition model.	0	3	8	0	Interactions of wake with canopy is of interest. (BR) Need field data on above canopy influence of spray cloud. (JB)
Synopsis version of open area model.	0	0?	0	0	Not relevant. (BR)
Further validation.	8	8	8	8	Required as new developments are added to system. (BR)
Update user and maintenance documents.		9	8	6	Required as new developments are added to system. (BR) Ongoing. (BM)

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**Director**

**The Centre for Pesticide Application & Safety**

The Centre for Pesticide Application and Safety (C-PAS) is a national scientific research and training group located at the University of Queensland Gatton College, near Brisbane, Australia. Equipped with a wide range of specialist sampling and analytical equipment, the Centre provides a wide range of research and consultancy services to industry and government, in pesticide application areas relevant to agriculture, forestry and public health.

As reported in 1994, as part of a major national research programme, the Centre has been commissioned over the last 3 years to investigate the aerial off-target transport of pesticides in the cotton industry. In particular, the Ultra Low Volume (ULV) and Low Volume (LV or EC) aerial application of endosulfan has been investigated.

Supported by aircraft testing, calibration and Malvern droplet size measurements, two methods of analysis have been used :-

- 1) Full field treatment monitoring (including far downwind measurements of airborne spray drift)
- 2) Simultaneous single flight line (SFL) analysis (comparative treatments using different formulations / nozzles)

Trials have typically involved measurement of drift fallout (horizontal deposition) using horizontal collectors and airborne drift using vertical collectors and 20m high towers placed up to 1 km downwind.

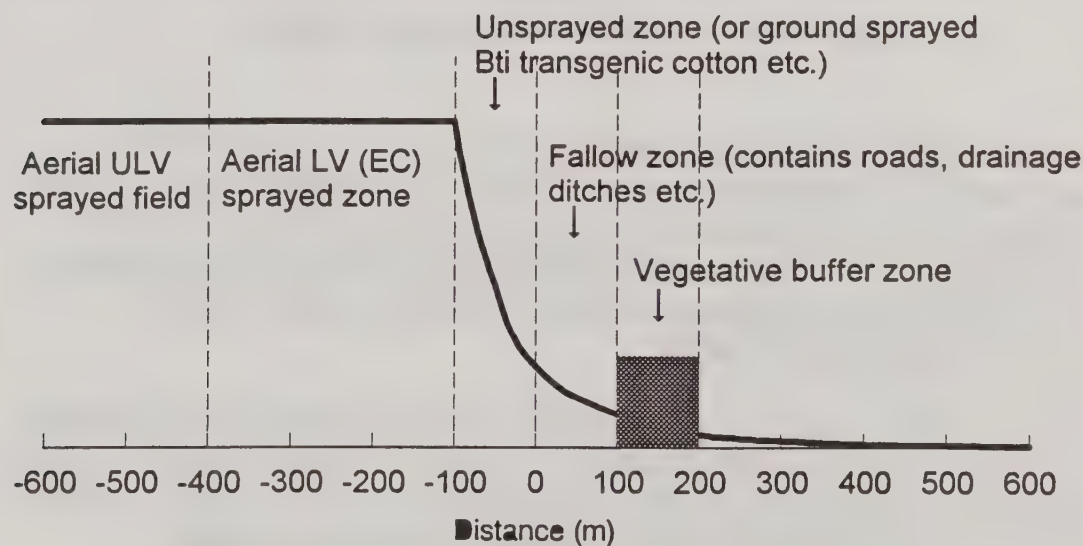


Emphasis was originally placed on assessing the impact of pesticides in the riverine environment, but investigations were later extended to encompass contamination of neighbouring crops and pastures using high collection efficiency artificial targets, ( eg. pipe cleaners, mosquito netting).

Computer modelling using simple Gaussian diffusion theory and the FSCBG model (no canopy) has been undertaken to provide a theoretical framework for the experimental field data gathered so far. Generally there has been good correlation between actual and predicted fallout levels.

The overall objective of this work is not to necessarily prohibit ULV spraying, but to examine its characteristics so that an efficient ULV/placement application system can be developed and maintained. Information from this study is being used to develop effective spray management strategies (ie. Best Management Practice). A central feature of such a strategy may be the use of a buffer zone system similar to that illustrated below.

**Figure 1. Proposed spraydrift management scenario utilising buffers**



Contributions would be welcome from the committee on the following :-

- 1) alternative canopy models for FSCBG
- 2) simple drift prediction algorithms for incorporation with GPS technology

Dave Whiteman  
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National Spray Model and Application Technology  
Steering Committee Meeting

July 18, 1996  
Phoenix, Arizona

- At the 1991 committee meeting in Blacksburg, Virginia:

Recommendation - "A manual describing complex terrain meteorological phenomena and their effects on aerial spraying operations should be commissioned. The manual should provide useful rules of thumb, simple algorithms for making relevant meteorological calculations, nomograms, tables, etc. that would be useful for the planning and conduct of aerial spraying operations."

- Funding for this manual, but with a broadened scope to appeal to other agencies, was assembled late last year and the manual is now being written.

- Funding agencies:

U.S. Forest Service

Forest Health Technology - Jack Barry

Missoula Technology & Development Center - Harold Thistle

U.S. Army

Dugway Proving Ground - Bruce Grim

National Weather Service

Fire Weather Program - Paul Stokols

Department of Energy

Pacific Northwest National laboratory - Dave Whiteman

- An Editorial Advisory Committee was formed, and met in SLC in January to approve the outline of the manual and to provide guidance, review and other support.

Editorial Advisory Committee members include:

all the above, plus Rusty Billingsley, Carl Gorski and Andy Edman, NWS

- An outline of the manual is attached.
- The manual is now being written and color graphics are being produced for it. There is also activity in arranging for publication of the finished manual.
- Schedule:

Draft of main meteorology chapters by early Fall

Drafts of applications chapters by mid-Winter

Completed document by Spring

## TENTATIVE OUTLINE

### **Complex Terrain Meteorology - A Manual for the Natural Resource Manager**

C. David Whiteman

#### PREFACE

#### ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

#### 1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 Orography
- 1.2 Weather Phenomena and U.S. Topography

#### 2. FUNDAMENTALS OF MOUNTAIN METEOROLOGY

- 2.1. Introduction to Atmospheric Scales of Motion
- 2.2 Atmospheric Composition and Structure
- 2.3 Temperature and Heat
- 2.4 Humidity, Clouds and Fogs
- 2.5 Winds
- 2.6 Precipitation
- 2.7 Solar and Terrestrial Radiation
- 2.8 Boundary Layer Processes
- 2.9 Reading Weather Maps

#### 3. LARGE-SCALE EFFECTS OF TOPOGRAPHY

- 3.1 Hemispheric Flows and Large-scale Effects of Mountain Barriers
- 3.2 Mechanically and Thermally Driven Flows

#### 4. MECHANICAL FLOWS-FLOWS OVER AND AROUND MOUNTAINS, OR THROUGH PASSES AND GAPS

- 4.1 Flow Over Mountains
- 4.2 Flow around mountains
- 4.3 Flows through Passes and Gaps
- 4.4 Flows through Valleys (Channeling and Countercurrents)

#### 5. THERMALLY-DRIVEN CIRCULATIONS

- 5.1 Introduction to Thermally Driven Wind Systems
- 5.2 Slope Wind System
- 5.3 Cross-Valley Wind System
- 5.4 Valley Wind System
- 5.5 Interactions of Slope and Valley Wind Systems
- 5.6 Mountain-Plain Wind System
- 5.7 The Daily Cycle
- 5.8 Other Thermally-driven Wind Systems
- 5.9 Effects of Overlying Large-Scale Circulations on Thermally-Driven Wind Systems
- 5.10 Other Phenomena



- 6. GENERAL AIR POLLUTION DISPERSION WITHIN TERRAIN
  - 6.1 Practical Problems in Air Pollution Dispersion
  - 6.2 Advantages/Disadvantages of Complex Terrain for Dispersion
  - 6.3 Special Dispersion Types
  - 6.4 Special Complex Terrain Considerations
  - 6.5 Mountain Boundary Layers
  - 6.6 Use of Air Quality Models in Complex Terrain Areas
- 7. FIRE WEATHER AND SMOKE MANAGEMENT
  - 7.1 Special Considerations-Smoke Dispersion from Wildfires and Prescribed Burns
  - 7.2 Smoke Dispersion and Thermally Driven Circulations
  - 7.3 Smoke Dispersion and Special Hazards from Passive Circulations
  - 7.4 Methods of Predicting and Diagnosing Smoke Drift
  - 7.5 Models
- 8. AERIAL SPRAYING
  - 8.1 Meteorological Considerations for Planning an Effective Spray Operation
    - 8.1.1 Effect of aircraft spray configuration and aerosol size effects
    - 8.1.2 Evaporation and formulation
    - 8.1.3 High wind spraying limitations-mechanical circulation effects
  - 8.2 Slope Boundary Layer Development and Considerations for Aerial Spraying
    - 8.2.1 Effects of locally-driven circulations
    - 8.2.2 General rules
      - 8.2.2.1 wind speed
      - 8.2.2.2 stability
      - 8.2.2.3 solar shading calculations
      - 8.2.2.4 development of slope boundary layer
    - 8.2.3 Off target, vertical loss, and canopy penetration
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  - 9.3 Applications

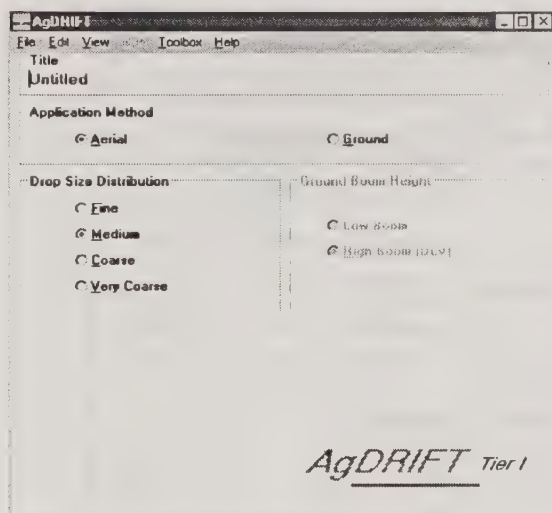
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## Windows Based Programming for Ease of Use

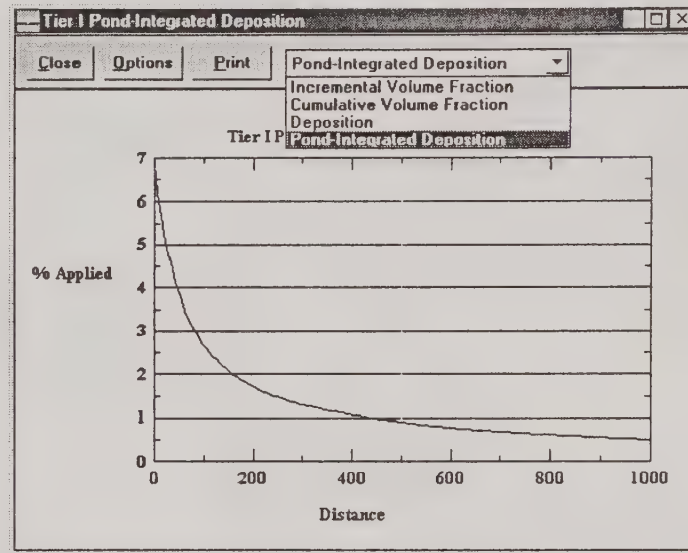


Select Application  
Method

Select Subclasses  
by Drop Size  
Distribution



## Pull Down Menus: Let the User View the Results in Several Ways



## AgDRIFT Uses Standard Case

**Aquatic Assessment**

**Aquatic Body Definition**

☒ EPA-Defined Nonsquare Pond  
☐ EPA-Defined Nonsquare Wetland  
☐ User-defined Water Body

Downwind Distance:  ft  
Average Depth:  ft

**Calculations**

Distance From Field Edge To Pond:  ft

Initial Average Pond Deposition:   $\times$  Applied  
 g/ha

Initial Average Pond Concentration:  ng/L

### Choices

- Wet Lands
- Ponds
- User Defined

You Can Ask the Same Question Many Ways

## AgDRIFT: Tiered Structure

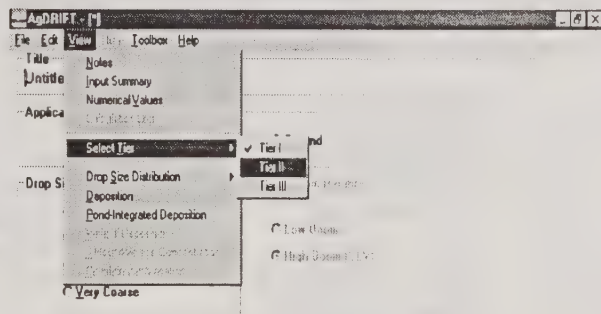
Each Tier Requires Increasing Knowledge of Application Method:

Tier I: Quick Overview "Worst Case " Few  
Restrictions on Application Method or Timing.

Tier II: Model Inputs Matched to Application Timing and  
Locale Meteorological Conditions.

Tier III: Designed for Incident Investigation, Training,  
Experimenting, etc.

## AgDRIIFT: Tiered Structure



*AgDRIIFT* Tier I

**Tier II : Allows the User on Control Many  
of the Inputs Variables:**

**AgDRIFT [1]** File Edit View Run Toolbox Help

Title: Untitled

**Drop Size Distribution**

Type: Basic (Medium)

**Spray Material**

Nozzle Rate: 0.5 lb/ac

Active Rate: 0.25 lb/ac

Spray Rate: 2 gal/ac

Carrier Type: Water

**Meteorology**

Wind Speed: 10 mph

Temperature: 86 deg F

Rel. Humidity: 50 %

**Aircraft**

Type: Air Tractor AT-401 (Slow Fixed-wing)

Boom Height: 10 ft

Number of Flight Lines: 20

**Control**

Swath Width Definition: Fixed Width

Swath Width: 60 ft

Swath Displacement Definition: 1/2 Swath Width

Flux Plane: 0 ft

- Drop Size
- Spray Material
- Meteorology
- Aircraft Type
- Swath Control

*AgDRIFT Tier II*



The Drop Size Distribution Can Be Provided Several Ways.

**Drop Size Distribution** [X]

Drop Distribution Name  
Medium

Drop Distribution Type

☐ User-defined

☒ Basic (BCPC)

Medium

☐ DropKick

☐ Library

Drop Distribution

	Diameter ( $\mu\text{m}$ )	Volume Fraction
1	10.77	0.002
2	16.73	0.001
3	19.39	0.001
4	22.49	0.0005
5	26.05	0.0005
6	30.21	0.0015
7	35.01	0.002
8	40.57	0.0035
9	47.03	0.0065
10	54.5	0.0095
11	63.16	0.0105

Total: 1.0000

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OK Cancel

And "Drop-Kick" Will Estimate the Drop Size Distribution  
Without Costly Wind Tunnel Studies.

**DropKick**

**Nozzle**

☐ User-defined      < 50  $\mu\text{m}$ : 0.63 %  
                                 < 141  $\mu\text{m}$ : 8.73 %  
☒ Library      < 220  $\mu\text{m}$ : 21.7 %  
                                 D<sub>50</sub>: 329.1  $\mu\text{m}$   
                                 Effective Nozzle Diameter: 0.14 cm

**Spray Material**

☐ User-defined      Dynamic Surface Tension: 72.95 dynes/cm  
                                 Shear Viscosity: 1 cp  
☒ Library      Elongational Viscosity: 23.5 cp  
                                 Specific Gravity: 0.997  
                                 IWS-0069

**Calculation Method**      **Spray Data**

☐ Root Normal      Air Speed: 100 mph  
☐ Rosin-Rammler      Nozzle Orientation: 45 deg  
☒ Log Normal      Pressure: 40 psig

OK Cancel

## Tier III User to Control Equipment Specifications

**AgDRIFT - [1]** File Edit View Run Toolbox Help

Title  
Untitled

**Drop Size Distribution**  
**DSD** Type: Basic (Medium)

**Spray Material**  
**Material** Type: Basic (Water)

**Meteorology**  
Wind Speed: 10 mph  
Temperature: 86 deg F  
Rel. Humidity: 50 %

**Aircraft**  
**Aircraft** Type: Basic (Air Tractor AT-502)

**Nozzles** Type: Basic (Air Tractor AT-401)  
Boom Height: 10 ft  
Number of Flight Lines: 20

**Control**  
Swath Width Definition: Fixed Width  
Swath Width: 60 ft  
Swath Displacement Definition: 1/2 Swath Width

Canopy Height: 0.4921 ft  
Flux Plane: 0 ft

**AgDRIFT Tier III**

## CRADA Status

### DONE

- Proposed Tier I Issued for Review.
- Tier II & III Aerial Programming Complete.
- User Manual, DRAFT
- Aircraft and Nozzle Data Bases installed

### WORKING

- Report on Model Validation
- Add Tier III Data Bases.
- Develop Orchard Model.
- Add Field Studies Data Base.

**Version 2 Will Include Probabilistic Modeling for Multiple Apps.**

## Collective Cooperation

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Good Luck, Jack

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# National Spray Model and Application Technology Steering Committee Meeting

## Current and future research directions in New Zealand Forestry

Brian Richardson

July 1996

### Introduction

Over the next two years, the priority area for pesticide application research in New Zealand forestry is SpraySafe Manager (SSM) development, a collaborative project between the New Zealand Forest Research Institute (FRI) and the USDA Forest Service. The objective of SSM is to provide anyone involved with aerial herbicide applications with a simplified means of accessing the power of FSCBG. The unique feature of this system will be the integration of output from FSCBG with dose-response models of herbicide/weed and herbicide/sensitive crop combinations. This will allow users to quantitatively assess the biological consequences of different application methods. The most important features of SSM include: \*

- \* Prediction of buffer zone requirements based on a defined spraying scenario, herbicide type, and sensitive species.
- \* Prediction of overall weed control (efficacy).
- \* Prediction of productivity or operation cost.

A detailed summary of SSM was presented at the ASAE meeting (Paper number 961057).

A number of specific projects are in progress, directly related to SSM developments, and these are summarised below.

#### 1. SpraySafe Manager Interface Development

A SpraySafe Manager prototype was developed in December 1995 in a collaborative project with FRI and the USDA Forest Service, represented by Dr Milt Teske. Dr Milt Teske made appropriate modifications to FSCBG, producing FSCBG/NZ, and this was incorporated into the interface developed by FRI. The prototype has been distributed to industry collaborators in NZ and is currently being evaluated.

A programmer has been employed specifically to design and implement Version 1 of SSM. Work on the system will commence as soon as comments from industry on the prototype have been thoroughly evaluated. Initial reactions were very positive. Further input from Dr Teske, towards the end of Version 1 software development, would be desirable.

#### 2. Dose-response models

A key element essential to SSM is the development of a database of biological response models. John Ray from FRI has been co-ordinating this work. Key herbicide/sensitive species and herbicide/weed species combinations relevant to forestry situations have been identified and

prioritised and laboratory studies to generate dose-response models are underway. The attached paper summarises procedures and some results. Consideration should be given to incorporating species and herbicides in the database that are relevant to the USA and other countries.

### 3. Non-volatile fraction

At present, the assumption is made that the herbicide formulation (i.e. the product) in the spray mix is essentially non-volatile and this is specified as the non-volatile fraction. The reality is, however, that a considerable proportion of the formulation may also be volatile. The Spray Drift Task Force have information on the non-volatile fraction of a large number of products but these data are not publicly available as yet. A project will be initiated to determine the non-volatile fraction key herbicide formulations relevant to SSM.

### 4. Sensitivity analysis

While Dr Teske was in New Zealand he undertook an extensive sensitivity analysis of FSCBG. Results from this analysis will be included in a database within SSM so that the general effects of application variables on drift (buffer distances), efficacy, or productivity can be examined without actually running the models.

The FRI/USDA Forest Service also have a commitment to use the results from this analysis to develop a concise educational document, written for people at the field operational level. The field guide will illustrate only the most important aerial application principles and safety considerations, and will promote the application of pesticides in a responsible, safe, and consistent manner. A second and subsequent consideration will be the development of a more comprehensive but practical aerial application reference manual, of value to operational managers. It would include information on all important application variables, and key interactions among variables, as well as comprehensive discussions on meteorology, safety, calibration etc.

### 5. Other considerations

The Forest Research Institute will continue to encourage development and enhancement of FSCBG. Priority areas for further work include:

- \* Validation of LiCor canopy description option.
- \* Development of a database of LiCor characteristics of important weed species. This work will commence in New Zealand within the next 6 months.
- \* Incorporation of discrete canopy (shelterbelt) option into FSCBG.
- \* Implementation of VALDRIFT
- \* Enhancing FSCBG to include airblast, ground sprayers, and solids application options.

Finally, we would like to strongly recommend that FSCBG should be maintained and further developed as a stand-alone system.



Appendix C

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